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Applicant: Rajesh Ranganathan et al. Art Unit: 1632  
Serial No.: 09/717,743 Examiner: Joseph T. Woitach  
Filed: November 21, 2000 Customer No.: 21559  
Title: A NOVEL SEROTONIN-GATED ANION CHANNEL

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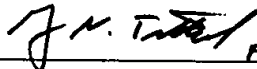
Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 13, 2003, in which the Office finally rejected claims 1, 3, and 5 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed with the concurrently filed Reply to the final Office Action mailed on June 13, 2003 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for three months, to and including December 15, 2003, as December 13<sup>th</sup> was a Saturday, as well as a check in the payment of the required extension fee.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$165.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) for this Notice of Appeal. If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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